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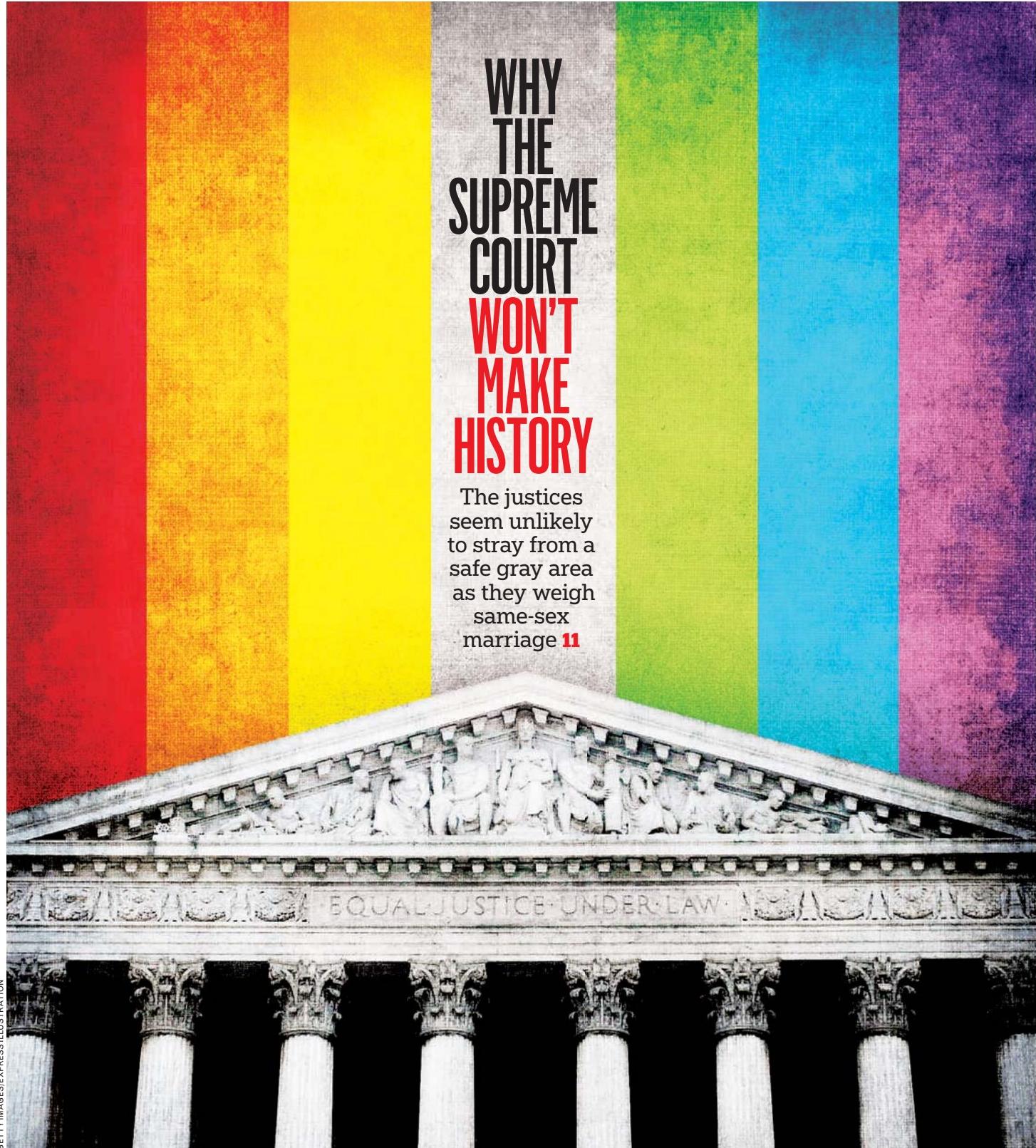


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IMPULSES

How Else Was He Supposed To Deal With All the Ghosts?

The live-in caretaker of a Pennsylvania mansion is facing criminal charges for allegedly drinking more than \$100,000 worth of the owner's 1917 whiskey. Scottsdale police charged 62-year-old John Saunders with theft and receiving stolen property. Investigators say Saunders drank 52 bottles of Old Farm Pure Rye that he found in the walls of the century-old mansion. (AP)

NONSENSE

"It seems strange, as a square means there is one more corner for a child to be hit with."

— AN UNNAMED SOURCE, ON THE CASTLE VIEW SCHOOL IN ENGLAND'S DECISION TO BAN TRIANGLE-SHAPED SNACKS AFTER A CHILD WAS HIT BY ONE, THE SUN REPORTED MONDAY. ONLY RECTANGULAR SNACKS ARE ALLOWED.

INNOVATIONS

NYC Intrigued by New Way To Keep Cars Off the Streets

Police in California say a man's car ended up on his neighbor's roof. Glendale police Sgt. Sean Riley said that the driver lost control Saturday on a driveway in an area where homes are arrayed on a steep hillside, and the vehicle ended up on the roof of the next house down the hill. Riley says the driver reported he had a mechanical failure. No one was harmed. (AP)

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BUTTERFLY KISSES: A butterfly lands on a boy's face Monday during a promotion for the "Sensational Butterflies" exhibition at the Natural History Museum in London. With around 400 live tropical butterflies and moths living in the temporary facility, visitors will get the chance to see them flying freely as well as look for emerging butterflies at the hatchery window. The exhibit opens Friday and runs through Sept. 15.



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Early Math Training Adds Up

Study: What children learn about numbers plays big role later on

Washington

We know a lot about how babies learn to talk and kids learn to read. Now scientists are unraveling the earliest building blocks of math — and what children know about numbers as they begin first grade seems to play a big role in how well they do everyday calculations later on.

The findings have specialists considering steps that parents might take to spur math abilities, just like they do to try to raise a good reader. This isn't only about trying to improve the nation's math scores and attract kids to become engineers. It's far more basic.

Consider: How rapidly can you calculate a tip? Do the fractions to double a recipe? Know how many quarters and dimes the cashier should hand back as your change?

About 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. lacks the math competence expected of a middle-schooler, meaning they have trouble with those ordinary tasks and aren't qualified for



How well can you make change? Calculate a tip? Do fractions to double a recipe?
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"It's not just, can you do well in school? It's how well can you do in your life. We are in the midst of math all the time."

— DR. KATHY MANN KOEPEK, OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, WHICH IS FUNDING MATH COGNITION RESEARCH

many of today's jobs. The National Institutes of Health is funding much of this research into math cognition.

A new study shows trouble can start early. University of Missouri researchers tested 180 seventh-graders. Those who lagged behind their peers in a test of core math skills that are needed to function as adults were the same kids who'd had the least number sense or fluency back when they started first grade.

"The gap they started with, they don't close it," says Dr. David Geary, a cognitive psychologist who leads the study that is tracking children from kindergarten to high school in the Columbia, Mo., school system. "They're not catching up."

This number sense, or what Geary more precisely terms "number system knowledge," turns out to be a fundamental skill that students continually build on, much more than the simple ability to count.

What's involved? Understanding that numbers represent different quantities — that three dots is the same as the numeral "3." Grasping magnitude — that 23 is bigger than 17. Getting the concept that numbers can be broken into parts — that 5 is the same as 2 and 3, or 4 and 1. Showing on a number line that the difference between 10 and 12 is the same as the difference between 20 and 22.

Exactly how to intervene still is being studied. But Dr. Kathy Mann Koepke of the National Institutes of Health says it's best to start early.

"We should be talking to our children about magnitude, numbers, distance, shapes as soon as they're born," she said. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

High Court to Hear New Affirmative Action Case

The Supreme Court is broadening its examination of affirmative action and said Monday it will hear a case in the fall about Michigan's effort to ban consideration of race in college admissions. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Rep. Michele Bachmann Faces Ethics Probe



Bachmann

Rep. Michele Bachmann and her short-lived campaign last year for the GOP presidential nomination are being investigated by the Office of Congressional Ethics,

the Daily Beast first reported Monday. Her lawyer William McGinley says there are no allegations that Bachmann "engaged in wrongdoing." (AP)

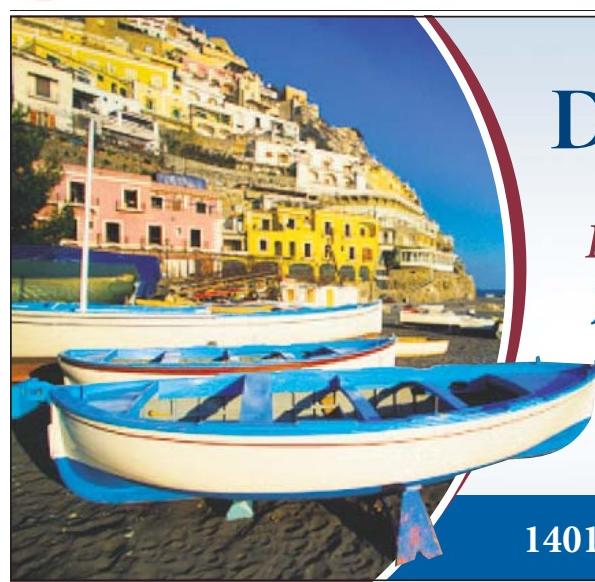
MIAMI

Navy: 28 Gitmo Prisoners Now on Hunger Strike

More prisoners have joined a hunger strike at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, officials said Monday, as defense lawyers expressed alarm about one of the most sustained protests at the base in several years. There are 28 prisoners on hunger strike, up from 21 a week earlier, a Navy spokesman said. (AP)

\$3.7M

The amount the U.S. government spent on former presidents in 2012, the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service said Monday. The total includes a pension, compensation, benefits for office staff and other expenses. George W. Bush was the costliest former president, chalking up more than \$1.3 million. (AP)



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Give Us a (Spring) Break

No flip-flops, only snow boots, as storm dumps on East Coast

Hamburg, Pa.

Five days into spring, warm weather and budding flowers were just a hoax Monday as the East Coast endured another blast of winter.

A wide-ranging storm that buried parts of the Midwest weakened as it moved east but still managed to carpet lawns and fields in a fresh layer of white. Many schools opened late or closed early, and hundreds of flights were canceled.

The cold temperatures and miserable mixture of snow and rain had people longing for more agreeable weather.

"I'm ready for flip-flops," said Jessica Cunitz, 24 of Westchester County, N.Y., who stopped at a gas station in Pennsylvania to fill her overheating car with antifreeze. "It's supposed to be spring."

Earlier, the storm walloped the Midwest, dumping a record 17 inches in Springfield, Ill., and a foot or more elsewhere in the state.



Penn State student Katy Kober walks Monday to campus in State College, Pa.

Cherry Blossoms?

The spring snow was not expected to affect Washington's famous cherry blossoms. National Park Service spokeswoman Carol Johnson said the flowering trees are still expected to reach peak bloom between April 3 and 6. (AP)

Numerous vehicles were reported to be off roads, state police said.

The system was little more than a nuisance by the time it reached

the East Coast. Air travel saw the biggest impact, with nearly 600 flights canceled as of Monday afternoon, according to the FlightAware tracking service. Hardest-hit airports included those in New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

Mitchell Gaines, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said colder-than-normal temperatures the past few weeks had created conditions ripe for snow.

"It's fairly late in March to see a system like this," he said.

MICHAEL RUBINKAM (AP)

Sandusky Maintains Innocence

State College, Pa.

Nine months after being convicted of sexually abusing 10 boys — a scandal that destroyed the once unimpeachable reputation of



Sandusky

Penn State's football coach — Jerry Sandusky is again claiming he did nothing wrong.

Sandusky has rarely spoken about the allegations, although the former Penn State assistant coach has consistently maintained his innocence since his November 2011 arrest. The latest statements came Monday in portions of a taped interview aired on NBC's "Today"

and in transcripts posted on the website of John Ziegler, a filmmaker who aims to clear the name of the late Joe Paterno, Penn State's former head football coach who was fired after Sandusky's arrest.

In the interviews, Sandusky denied having inappropriate contact with the boys, although he acknowledged he may have "tested boundaries."

"Yeah, I hugged them," Sandusky said. "Maybe I shouldn't have showered with them. Yeah, I tickled them."

Paterno's family distanced themselves from the comments.

Wick Sollers, a Paterno family lawyer, said in a statement that Sandusky's statements are "transparently self-serving and yet another insult to the victims." (AP)

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BEIRUT

Blast Injures Rebel Chief As Fighting Intensifies



A rebel military leader who was among the first to call openly for armed insurrection against President Bashar Assad was wounded by a car bomb in eastern Syria, rebels said Monday. Col. Riad al-Asaad, leader of the Free Syrian Army, had a foot amputated Sunday. Meanwhile, rebels seized territory in the south and fired one of the heaviest mortar volleys yet into Damascus on Monday. (AP)

LONDON

U.K. Jails 5 for Plotting Tax Fraud Via Fake Movie

Five people were jailed Monday in Britain for pretending to make a Hollywood movie in a scam to defraud tax authorities of millions of pounds. The fraudsters were convicted this month of attempting to bilk the government of \$4.2 million in a plot reminiscent of the Academy Award-winning hit "Argo." (AP)

Cyprus Bailout Scars Eurozone

\$13B deal threatens to undercut bloc's response to crisis

Frankfurt, Germany

European leaders may have saved Cyprus from imminent financial collapse when they clinched a last-minute \$13 billion deal in the early hours of Monday morning.

But how they did it has left political and psychological scars across Europe that are far out of proportion to the nation's tiny size — and that could hinder the eurozone's efforts to solve its debt crisis.

The deal was agreed with euro finance ministers along with the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank, hours ahead of a crucial deadline. The ECB threatened to cut off crucial assistance to Cyprus's strug-

What the Deal Means

Cyprus on Monday agreed to slash its oversized banking sector and inflict hefty losses on large depositors in troubled banks to secure the \$13 billion bailout. President Nicos Anastasiades also said the deal will require the central bank to impose temporary limits on bank transactions. Here's a look at some of the problems raised by the latest eurozone bailout:



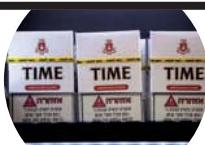
Safeguarding Savers: The Cyprus rescue undermined Europe's deposit insurance guarantees. Though a proposal to take 6.75 percent of deposits from people with less than the insured limit was rejected, its mention raises the chance that depositors in other countries will flee in a crisis, putting pressure on banks.



A Deep Divide: The dispute underlines the eurozone's political fault line between donor countries in northern Europe and the zone's indebted countries in southern Europe. Analysts also say Germany's refusal to contribute serves as a reminder of how far the bloc remains from any kind of common responsibility for state finances.



Return of the Greek Tragedy: Cyprus' rescue loan may leave so much added debt, and reduce economic growth so much, that some analysts are already saying another international bailout may one day become necessary — as it did with Greece. (AP)



Kosher Smokes: Observant Jews in Israel can now enjoy a rabbi-approved smoke during the weeklong Passover holiday that started at sundown Monday. It's the first time cigarettes are among goods checked for kosher-compliance. But the chief rabbinate in Israel disapproved, saying cigarettes are life-threatening. "Poison is not kosher. For all days of the year, not just Passover," said Ziv Maor, the chief rabbinate's spokesman. (AP)

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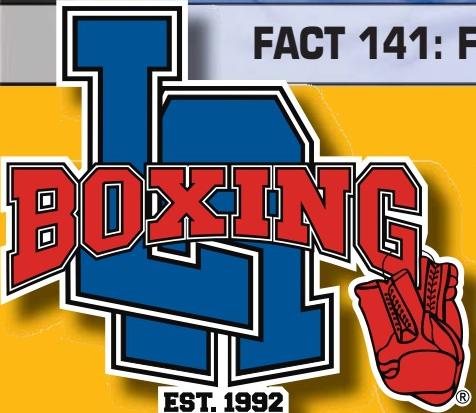
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World

Kerry, Karzai Offer Show of Unity

As U.S. turns over prison, Afghan leader touts 'very good day'

Kabul, Afghanistan

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Afghan President Hamid Karzai made a rare show of unity Monday after the U.S. military ceded control of its last detention facility in Afghanistan, ending a long-standing irritant in relations between the two countries.

Kerry said he and Karzai were "on the same page" when it comes to peace talks with the Taliban.

Aid Talks

John Kerry planned to meet with civic leaders and others Monday to discuss continued U.S. aid to Afghanistan. His unannounced 24-hour visit to the country was his sixth since President Barack Obama became president but his first as Obama's secretary of state. (AP)

Karzai had infuriated U.S. officials by accusing Washington of colluding with Taliban insurgents to keep Afghanistan weak even as the Obama administration presses ahead with plans to hand off secu-

rity responsibility to Afghan forces and end NATO's combat mission by the end of next year.

But Kerry said Monday: "I am confident [Karzai] does not believe the U.S. has any interest except to see the Taliban come to the table to make peace."

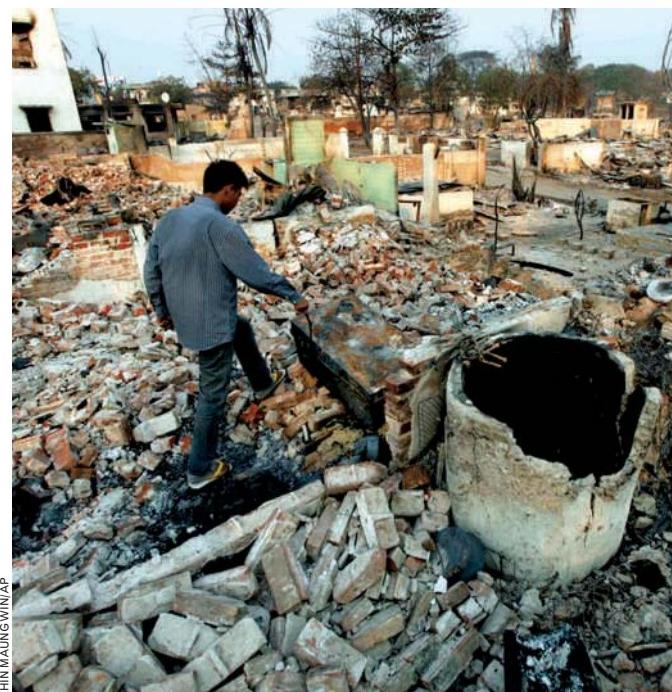
For his part, Karzai said "today was a very good day," citing the turnover of the detention facility at the U.S.-run Bagram military base.

The two spoke at a joint news conference during which Kerry also praised what he said was Afghanistan's commitment to "safe, secure" and transparent elections, scheduled for April 2014. (AP)



Sticky and Sweet: Feel like having chocolate at Easter in Belgium? Well send a letter and really lick that chocolate-flavored postage stamp. The Belgian post office on Monday released 538,000 stamps that have pictures of chocolate on the front and the essence of cacao oil in the glue at the back for taste and in the ink for smell. Belgian stamp collector Marie-Claire Verstichel said while the taste was a bit disappointing, "they smell good." (AP)

Myanmar Cleans Up After Sectarian Riots



A RESIDENT SURVEYS THE RUBBLE in Meikhtila, Myanmar, on Monday after weekend clashes between Buddhists and Muslims. The government warned that the violence could threaten democratic reforms after anti-Muslim mobs rampaged through three towns, burning mosques and homes.

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The Nats will play the Yankees in an exhibition at Nationals Park at 2:05 p.m. Friday.

Buses, Baseball And Blossoms

Monday's slushy mess is likely to be the worst weather of the week, with conditions steadily improving for commuters, the Capital Weather Gang says. Some of those commuters will be discovering new bus routes and adapting to new schedules. And street and sidewalk traffic will be building for the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

Here are some tips for taking advantage of events and avoiding problem areas:

Express Connector

Fairfax County just added two routes to the bus service that takes advantage of the new 495 Express Lanes on the Capital Beltway. These Express Connector routes take com-

mutes from Lorton and Springfield, Va., to Tysons. The one-way fare will be \$3.65 with a SmarTrip card and \$4 with cash. But through April 12, the ride is free.

NextBus App Returns

The missing app is back. It's the one that was called NextBus DC, which many Metrobus riders who have smartphones found helpful for tracking arrival times. The new version is called iCommute DC. There's a "Lite" version for free and an enhanced version for \$1.99.

Washington Nationals Exhibition Game

The Washington Nationals play an exhibition game against the New York Yankees at 2:05 p.m. Friday at Nationals Park. The nearest Metrorail station is Navy Yard.

Cherry Blossoms

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority notes that ridership can spike by 15 percent during blossom season, and the weekend ridership can approach weekday levels. Metro will suspend its weekend track work program through April 14. Despite the crowding, taking Metrorail will almost always be better than driving downtown.

ROBERT THOMSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Monday, March 25

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Mid-day DC 4	1-0-0-2
Evening DC 4 (Sun.)	7-5-3-4
Mid-day D.C. Five	8-1-7-1-6
Evening D.C. Five (Sun.)	8-8-1-0-6
Daily 6 (Sun.)	5-19-20-31-38 (18)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-6-5
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	7-6-1
Mid-day Pick 4	4-3-8-3
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	0-7-8-5
Match 5 (Sun.)	5-17-25-27-38 (1)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	9-3-1
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	1-5-7
Mid-day Pick 4	6-3-2-7
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	4-7-2-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Sun.)	3-19-29-31-34
Evening Cash 5 (Sun.)	4-19-20-24-26

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Submitted by reader @roshghimire, who writes, "Another rainy day at an ART bus stop in Clarendon last week." Indeed.



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Local

'Digital Capital Week' Powers Off

Event founders say city no longer needs popular tech festival

Washington

After three years, the organizers behind Digital Capital Week are pulling the plug on the annual festival for technology enthusiasts in Washington.

The event was designed to bring the region's small and often fragmented community of technologists and creative types together in one place, replicating the collaborative environment that exists

more naturally in technology hubs like Silicon Valley.

D.C. Week was co-created by iStrategyLabs chief executive Peter Corbett and Tech Cocktail co-founders Jen Consalvo and Frank Gruber.

Early discussions are under way for a different event that might attract a wider audience, but organizers said the specifics are far from concrete.

"We feel like today there doesn't need to be a D.C. Week," Corbett said. "We think the ecosystem has very much matured."

The local scene certainly doesn't lack for events. Monthly D.C. Tech

Group Funding

Entrepreneurs looking for seed-stage capital have a new group to pitch to: NextGen Angels, a club of Washington businesspeople ages 40 and under who want to funnel money to fledgling ventures. It's the brainchild of Dan Mindus, the investment director at the Center for Innovative Technology. The group first met in September, and Mindus said last week that it is preparing to make its first investment as a collective. "There's tremendous interest in entrepreneurship in our region," he said. (CARTER BUSINESS)

Meetups, which Corbett also helps organize, draw hundreds of attendees from around the region. Start-up accelerators such as The Fort and, more recently, 1776 also serve as a gathering place for local entrepreneurs.

"We need to re-envision what we do going forward," Corbett said

Those plans may include a more internationally focused event that partners with local embassies to bring upstarts from around the world to Washington.

Such an event would happen in the spring of 2014 at the earliest, Corbett said. STEVEN OVERLY (CARTER BUSINESS)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

D.C. Firefighters Vote 'No Confidence' in Chief

The union representing District firefighters on Monday voted no confidence in D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Chief Kenneth B. Ellerbe, formally requesting that he be removed from office following a string of mishaps and delays responding to emergencies.

Ellerbe voted 300 to 37 in favor of the resolution. The vote carries no legal significance but puts further pressure on the chief, who is facing scrutiny over his department's submission of erroneous information on the upkeep of its fleet. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON

Activist Readies for 2014 Ward 1 Council Race

Looking toward the 2014 political season, it's not just the mayoral race that's heating up: Adams Morgan neighborhood activist Bryan Weaver looks ready to seek the Ward 1 D.C. Council seat. "Weaver 2014" was registered with the authorities on March 15, said Office of Campaign Finance spokesman Wesley Williams. Weaver, a former union organizer, acknowledged Monday that he'd filed campaign papers but declined to discuss his prospects in detail. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

FAIRFAX

Fairfax Tops List of Healthiest Areas in Va.

Counties and municipalities in northern Virginia tend to be healthier than their counterparts in the southern part of the state, according to a report released last week. Researchers from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin ranked counties by several health factors and other measurements. The report declared Fairfax County the healthiest area overall, followed by Loudoun and Arlington, both in northern Virginia; Albemarle, in central Virginia; and York, in eastern Virginia. (AP)



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COURTESY FOREST CITY WASHINGTON

Ballston May Have a Mall-Makeover in Store

Arlington

Forest City Washington is planning an upgrade of Ballston Common Mall in Arlington that would include adding a row of sidewalk retail along Wilson Boulevard and residential units above the property.

Thomas W. Henneberry, chief operating officer at Forest City Washington, said he has begun discussing the future of the 579,000-square-foot mall with county officials and pitching the idea to prospective retail owners.

Many of the mall's most popular features would be upgraded or expanded, including the Kettler Capitals Iceplex, a Regal movie theater and a Sport & Health Club.

Under the plans, the mall's eastern end at North Randolph Street would be torn down and replaced with a row of outward-facing shops and residential towers above.

In trying to open the mall to the street and add housing, Forest City is pursuing a similar strategy to other mall owners in the area who have watched shoppers migrate to more urban, mixed-use projects.

Forest City will have to receive a number of county approvals and has not yet submitted a formal proposal. The redevelopment plans hinge upon a deal being completed to purchase Macy's Furniture Gallery, which Forest City would like to tear down. JONATHAN O'CONNELL (CARTER BUSINESS)

Cover Story



Pay a Visit

People have been waiting in line for free tickets to the Supreme Court arguments since Thursday. Some of them were being paid up to \$6,000 to hold spots.

Justices To Watch

Two justices will get the most attention in this week's oral arguments:



Anthony Kennedy is the court's most outspoken advocate of states' rights. But he also provided the critical vote and employed soaring rhetoric in writing opinions striking down a Colorado initiative that would have denied discrimination protection to gays and objecting to state sodomy laws that targeted homosexuals.



Chief Justice John Roberts' conservatism would seem to weigh against same-sex marriage, but as chief justice, he also worries about the long-term influence of the court on a subject in which the public mood is in flux. Adding to the intrigue is Roberts' cousin Jean Poldrasky, a San Francisco lesbian who will be among the guests at today's Supreme Court hearing, the L.A. Times reported. (TWP)

On Gay Marriage, A Cautious Court?

Two landmark cases offer clues that the justices may steer clear of a major ruling

Washington

With an overwhelming majority of state laws pointing one way and public opinion trending rapidly in the other, the Supreme Court may enter this week's historic arguments over same-sex marriage with a preference for caution over boldness.

Two cases — today's involves California's ban on such unions; Wednesday's concerns Congress' decision to withhold federal recognition of legally married same-sex couples — offer the justices an unusually wide range of options. A broad constitutional ruling is one possibility, but so is a finding that the cases are not ripe for decision.

But the court's first full examination of whether the right to marry must be extended to same-sex couples puts on full display the justices'

official responsibility as arbiter of the Constitution, as well as its unofficial role as interpreter of the nation's readiness for social change.

Same-sex marriage backers say conditions could not be better for the issue to reach the nation's highest court.

Theodore Boutrous, an attorney for two California couples challenging that state's ban on gay marriage, points

to the growing number of states that now authorize same-sex marriage, the shifting stances of the nation's leaders and polls that show a majority of Americans now favor a concept of marriage that did not exist anywhere in the world until 2000.

Other supporters worry about asking the Supreme Court to do too much too quickly. Barry Friedman, a New York University law professor who argues that the court's major decisions eventually align with public sentiment, said the same-sex-mar-

riage cases are vexing for the court. "Gay rights cases have been an area in which the Supreme Court has tended to be particularly in touch with public opinion," Friedman said.

But is public opinion best represented by the fact that four-fifths of the states forbid same-sex marriage? Or is momentum headed the other way?

Two past cases — neither touching on the issue of gay rights — offer lessons about the consequences of a broad ruling, advocates say.

One is Roe v. Wade, the court's 1973 ruling that swept away states' ability to prohibit or restrict abortion in early stages of pregnancy. It is cited in many of the briefs filed before the court as a warning of a judicial intrusion into the political arena that prolonged division rather than concluding it.

A broad finding that the constitutional right to marriage must be extended to same-sex couples — which is what the California couples request — would force a national solution on a nation not ready for it, opponents say.

Same-sex marriage backers point to Loving v. Virginia, in which the court in 1967 struck laws banning interracial marriage. While it seems the majority of Americans are tolerant of same-sex marriage, polls then showed more than 60 percent of the U.S. opposed mixed-race marriages, said David Boies, a lawyer arguing for the same-sex couples.

"But when that decision came down, there wasn't a ripple, there wasn't any disruption," Boies said.

But those who oppose same-sex marriage said that the Loving decision did not change the fundamental nature of marriage as being between a man and a woman.

All of which could point to a go-slow approach — and the court has left itself plenty of options.

ROBERT BARNES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

MEASURING PUBLIC OPINION

58% of Americans say they support gay marriage,

an all-time high, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll last week. But some say polls oversell the amount of support for gay marriage. Are they right? Polls on gay-marriage initiatives generally underestimate the opposition by about 7 percentage points, a 2010 study found. The best example of the discrepancy between the polls and the vote may be California's Proposition 8: Polling showed more opposition than support for it, but it passed in 2008, 52 percent to 48 percent. Aside from the notion that the pollsters might be biased, theories include that polls under-sell opposition to gay marriage because people don't want to seem intolerant and that opponents of gay marriage feel more strongly than backers and are more apt to vote. THE FIX (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sports

In Brief

NASCAR

Hamlin Has Compression Fracture in Lower Back



Denny Hamlin suffered a compression fracture in his lower spine during a last-lap crash while racing for the win against former teammate Joey Logano at Auto Club Speedway during Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race. Joe Gibbs Racing gave no indication Monday how long its driver could be sidelined. (AP)

Hamlin

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tourney's TV Ratings Up

The NCAA tournament's first week earned its highest television rating in 15 years. The broadcasts on CBC, TBS, TNT and truTV averaged a 5.8 household rating and 12 share, the highest rating for the tournament's first week since 1998. The networks say that's up 27 percent from last year's 5.6 and 11. (AP)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Howland Bids Farewell

Ben Howland kept it classy in departing as UCLA basketball coach, thanking the athletic director who had fired him a day earlier while noting the high expectations that come with running a program that owns a record 11 national titles. Howland was applauded by supporters as he walked into a news conference at Pauley Pavilion for the last time Monday. (AP)

TV Lineup

NBA (7 P.M., TNT) The Knicks, who are riding a four-game winning streak, play at Boston in a possible first-round playoff matchup.

NHL (7:30 P.M., NBCSN) The Rangers head to Philadelphia holding on desperately to the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference.

NBA (9:30 P.M., TNT) Dallas is two games out of the final playoff spot in the West and hosts the Clippers.



The Capitals won three of four games during their road trip, beating the Jets twice and the Rangers in a shootout Sunday. Their only loss was to the Penguins last Tuesday.

Road Resurgence for Caps

Washington returns from trip two points out of 8th in East

Capitals

While the Capitals were away on a four-game road trip last week, Braden Holtby could sense a mood shift within the locker room.

"You could tell everyone started to change," the goaltender said Monday. "I think it was the realization that we need to turn it on now, and it was a golden opportunity for us to put ourselves in a good position."

Washington did just that, earning six of a possible eight points



during what many players called a make-or-break week. When the Capitals left, they were six points out of eighth place and seven out of the division lead; they returned two and five out, respectively.

"We knew what we were up against," forward Jason Chimera said. "I think if we go 0-4 on that trip, you can probably start booking your vacations."

While the Capitals were struggling, they were putting too much emphasis on trying to create a loose atmosphere in an attempt to con-

Playing Like Great 8



Alex Ovechkin has been on a tear. The Caps star forward has had at least one point in six of the past seven games. During that span, he had seven goals and four assists and Washington went 5-2-0. (EXPRESS)

jure up some confidence, according to Holtby. Last week, however, there was a new focus that had been lacking.

"You could tell it on their faces," Holtby said. "It was a quiet room. Guys were doing what we need to

in order to be focused and get that intensity."

With 16 games left, the Capitals know there is still work to be done. They return to Verizon Center today to take on the Islanders in their first home game since March 17. It's their last home game until April 4, when they'll face the Islanders again. In the teams' last meeting, on March 9, New York handed Washington a 5-2 loss, the first of three straight in regulation after an 8-3-0 stretch.

"I think we're playing a lot better than we were when we went on that last run," Holtby said. "I think our games are more complete. It's a better sign of consistency." ADAM VINGAN (FOR EXPRESS)



George Mason on the Move: George Mason, which helped launch the CAA in the 1980s, announced Monday that it will be moving to the Atlantic 10. The Patriots will join the conference on July 1. It's the same move made by Virginia Commonwealth last year and by Richmond more than a decade ago, and it also forms a Metro conference rivalry with nearby George Washington. (AP)

Sports



After Friday's 1-0 win over Costa Rica, the Americans moved up to second place in their World Cup qualifying group.

U.S. in a Better Position

Americans face rival in Mexico City after much-needed win

Soccer

In one day, the fortunes for CONCACAF's two powers changed considerably.

Friday's regional World Cup qualifying games — one played in a Colorado blizzard, the other in 105 degrees and sweltering Central American humidity — altered the mindset and landscape for the U.S. men's national team and rival Mexico ahead of tonight's anticipated clash in Mexico City.

Mexico coach Jose Manuel de la Torre is now the one under fire after his team blew a 2-0 lead and settled for a draw in Honduras after stumbling to a home draw against Jamaica last month.

U.S. manager Jurgen Klinsmann has earned a longer leash after com-

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Mexico's all-time World Cup qualifying record at its home stadium, the 100,000-plus-capacity Estadio Azteca, which sits at an altitude of 7,200 feet in Mexico City. The U.S. won for the first time in 25 matches on Mexican soil in a friendly at Azteca last August and is 0-6-1 at the venue all-time in World Cup qualifiers. (A.C.)

bating last week's public scrutiny of his methods and the apparent discontent in the U.S. locker room. The U.S. rallied in the snow for a 1-0 win over Costa Rica on Friday.

With three points, a second-place standing in the qualifying group and a newfound sense of positive momentum, the U.S. can try to deliver a massive blow to its chief rival while it is vulnerable.



"Because of our position in the table now, it gives us more confidence when we go down to Mexico," said Clint Dempsey, who scored the lone U.S. goal Friday and leads the Americans with seven goals this qualifying cycle.

Regardless of Tuesday's result, both teams are considered heavy favorites to qualify for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. But the latest installment of the border war is sure to be played with the utmost intensity.

"As we move forward and the big games come, in order for us to be a team that competes at the highest level [the commitment] has to be at its absolute highest whenever we step on the field," U.S. midfielder Michael Bradley said. AVI

CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)



Harper's Playlist: Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper announced his walk-up songs on Twitter on Sunday. This season, he's going with "Flower (Bring Sally Up)" by Moby, "Radioactive" by Imagine Dragons and "It's Tricky" by Run DMC. It's quite an eclectic group. The Moby tune is a repeat from last year, but the 20-year-old decided against bringing back "Boyfriend" by Justin Bieber — one of the songs Harper walked out to last season. (EXPRESS)

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Sports

NEW DIRECTION

No More Tubby



Minnesota fired Tubby Smith on Monday, cutting ties with the veteran coach one day after the Golden Gophers lost to Florida in the NCAA tournament. Smith was 124-81 (.605) in six seasons at Minnesota, helping to bring the program back to respectability and ramping up expectations for a team hit hard by an academic cheating scandal over a decade ago. (AP)

Golf

Tiger Woods is back to No. 1 in the world with a game that looks as good as ever.

Woods walked off the 18th green Monday waving his putter over his head — his magic wand this week at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla. — to acknowledge the fans who have seen this act before. He won the Arnold Palmer Invitational for the eighth time to tie a PGA Tour record that had not been touched in 48 years.

This win had extra significance. It returned Woods to the top of the world ranking for the first time since the final week of October 2010, the longest spell of his career.

"It's a byproduct of hard work, patience and getting back to winning golf tournaments," he said.

Woods never let anyone closer than two shots in the final round at Bay Hill that was delayed one day by storms. With a conservative bogey he could afford on the last hole, he closed with a 2-under 70



Tiger Woods won the Arnold Palmer Invitational for the eighth time.

for a two-shot win over Justin Rose.

Next up is the Masters, where Woods will try to end his five-year drought in the majors.

Woods fell as low as No. 58 in the world as he coped with a crisis in his personal life and injuries to his left leg. One week after he announced he was dating Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn, Woods celebrated his third win of the season, and his sixth going back to Bay Hill a year ago. DOUG FERGUSON (AP)

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Sports

Terps Showing Maturity

Maryland on the road to play vs. Alabama in NIT quarterfinals

Terps Hoops

It was the season's 36th game, so a victory over Denver in the NIT probably shouldn't seem like a watershed moment for a program.

But for coach Mark Turgeon and the Maryland Terrapins, the win offered the latest sign that the team might be moving past the immaturity and inflexibility that was too often its undoing this season.

An undersized Denver lineup gave fits to Maryland's big men on Thursday, and with 10 minutes left in the game, the Terps trailed by eight points.

"We were desperate," Turgeon said. "We couldn't guard them. They had complete control of the game."



That's when Turgeon opted for a five-guard lineup, and the payoff was dramatic. The Terps took the lead with 4:12 remaining and kept pushing until they won by double digits.

"Coach definitely thinks we've gotten more mature," sophomore Nick Faust said. "We're doing little things now, doing what's best for the team. Guys are just growing up."

The victory moved second-seeded Maryland into the quarterfinals of the NIT. They'll travel to Tuscaloosa to face top-seeded Alabama on Tuesday.

The Crimson Tide pummeled the Terps 62-42 last season in Turgeon's second game as Maryland's coach. The rematch offers a chance

at both a quality road win that has eluded the team this season and a berth in the NIT semifinals next week at Madison Square Garden in New York.

That game could feature the third game of the season between Maryland and Virginia. The Cavaliers, who took the first two, can seal a semifinal berth with a victory over Iowa on Wednesday in Charlottesville.

After playing six games in 12 days, the Terps (24-12) have had four days off leading to Tuesday's game. The Crimson Tide (23-12) will have had just two days off since a 12-point victory over No. 4 Stanford on Saturday.

The Terps have won four of five games since the start of the ACC tournament, demonstrating a drive that wasn't always there in the regular season. DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

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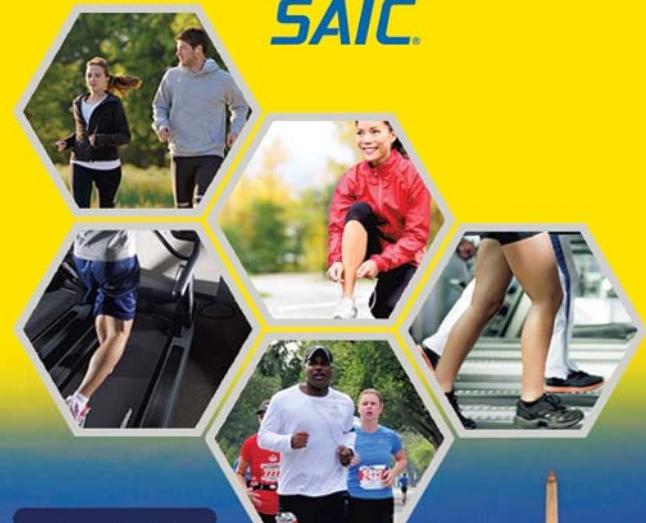
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Trainer: Chauncey
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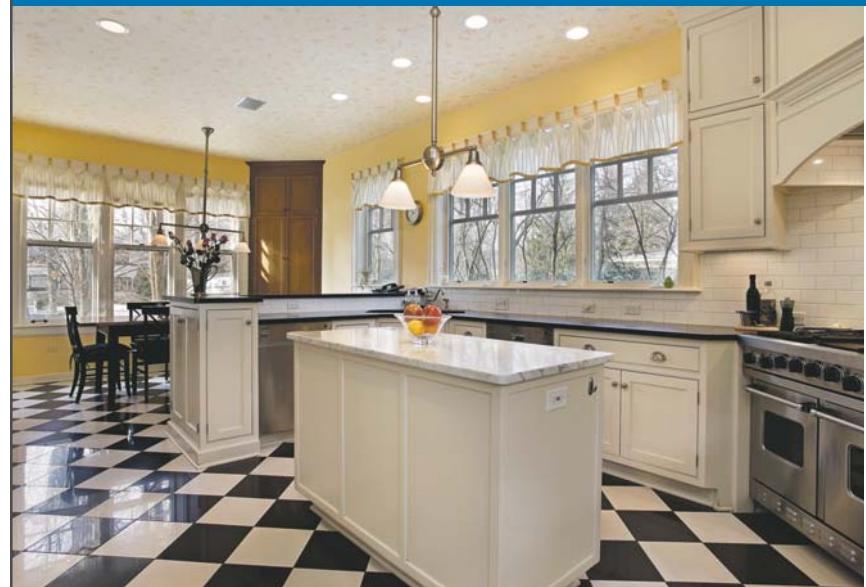
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(\$150, Adidas.com)

What's New: No, Adidas didn't crush Styrofoam cups and slap them on the bottoms of these shoes. The white stuff is "boost," a material designed to provide maximum energy return, which means "people are able to run faster, longer or both," boasts Chris Brewer, the brand's running specialty manager. Company testing has shown that the cushioning won't wimp out in extreme heat or cold and doesn't break down (so the shoes feel the same on mile one and mile 327).

Wear Test: Adidas recommends ordering a half size larger than normal, and even if you do, prepare for a snug fit. That's partly because the compression fabric on the upper takes some getting used to, but wide feet will probably never be happy, even with such a spring in their step. Not a neutral runner? Wait until adiStar Boost debuts in August.

Run For It: In shoes that will live forever, you're ready for the Vampire 5K (\$60, April 26, Vampire5k.com), which pits bloodsuckers against citizens. Pick a side and flee or chase through fog, red powder and strobe lights set up near RFK Stadium. The untimed event ends with a party under the full moon.

Winning Pair

Running-shoe companies want you to lace up their newest innovations. Find out which of these styles is the right fit for you. Don't know where to wear it? We've got the ideal D.C.-area debut for each shoe. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

TevaSphere Trail

(\$120, Teva.com; Trail is for women only; \$140 waterproof Trail eVent is also for men)

What's New: They're light and low to the ground, so why is this minimalist shoe different from all other minimalist shoes? It's made for people who can't help but heel strike. Instead of squaring off the back of the shoe, Teva opted for a rounded design that rolls the foot forward no matter which way you land. That could be dangerous if it weren't for the support pods placed on each side of the arch to prevent ankle rolling.

Wear Test: Those steady pods make it seem like your feet have kickstands. It's an odd sensation, but one that

you'll probably be grateful for when heading off-road through unknown terrain or at a muddy adventure race (which is what the whole TevaSphere line, below, is made for). They're best at downhill running.

Run For It: You'll need something to keep you steady during a 120-mile overnight relay. At Ragnar Trail Appalachians (June 7 and 8, Ragnartrail.com), about 200 miles from D.C., teams will camp out while members take turns on three loops. Registration prices (\$1,160 for teams of eight, \$700 for teams of four) rise after April 13.



Nike Flyknit Lunar1+

(\$160, Nike.com)

What's New: This isn't your grandma's knitting. The shoe's upper is made of a polyester yarn that's woven tighter in spots that need more support and looser in ones that don't (like above your toes). You can customize the fit by placing the shoes near a teakettle or a hot shower. Put them on when they're warm and steamy, and they'll cool into the shape of your foot. The process "will make it like it's been your shoe for a while without breaking down," says Philip Deeter, assistant head coach of product at Nike's Georgetown store.

Wear Test: The shoe's light weight and the thin fabric on top make it feel like a sock. But the cables that wrap around the sides and the cushioning system remind you that you've laced up. (That support doesn't correct overpronation, however.) After you "steam to fit," there's an immediate — but very subtle — shift in shape.

Run For It: If you were too slow to nab a slot in D.C.'s inaugural Nike Women's Half Marathon (April 28, Nike.com/nwmhalfdc), you can't get a finisher's necklace designed by Tiffany & Co., but you're invited to celebrate female athletes at the "Expoque" over race weekend.



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Your Co-Workers Need a Checkup

Q

I have some health problems that have involved a lot of diagnostic appointments during my workday. They are coming to an end, and my immediate supervisor has been supportive, but my colleagues seem to act like I'm slacking off on work or ducking out. I am very irritated and want to confront them, but at the same time, I don't feel like I owe them an explanation. **NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS, D.C.**

You're right. You don't owe them an explanation. And to plan some big confrontation when your supervisor has been supportive seems like asking for it. If they're trying to create drama, they'll only be overjoyed by you giving them more of it.

That's not to say that you need to take their mistreatment. If they're creating a hostile workplace, it's worth talking to your supervisor. And as for your interactions with them, clean the slate and take each new comment as it comes. Respond matter-of-factly in a way that highlights how inappropriate it is: "I'm confused by what you're implying: I had some medical appointments that I used leave for" or just a blank, befuddled stare followed by a "Wow. What a thing to say."



Send your questions to Dr. Andrea Bonior at baggage@readexpress.com. Andrea is a local clinical psychologist and author of the book "The Friendship Fix" (Friendshipfix.com).

**By Dr.
Andrea
Bonior**

Is This Connection Failing?

Q

My wife is constantly texting and doing other stuff on her phone. We'll start talking at dinner, and then she'll get up and go for her phone. I know this is not a common complaint among men, but I will admit it makes me frustrated to feel like I'm talking to a half-there individual. She's been my best friend for a long time, but I really feel like we don't connect much anymore. **FRUSTRATED HUSBAND**

I think this problem is more common than you think (types the psychologist on her phone). It's quite possible she doesn't know the extent of how addicted she is, or maybe she feels powerless to stop.

Pick a quiet time to have the discussion, and don't be accusatory: "We haven't gotten a lot of time to talk lately, and I feel disconnected. Sometimes it seems I'm just

watching you on your smartphone, and it makes it hard to have a real conversation."

If she's not motivated to make changes, you've got to explore why that is. Does she not view it as a problem? Is she actually seeking to avoid connection? The deeper you get, the more you'll know whether this is about that sleek, shiny gadget, or about your marriage.

Event Horizon **Space Out**

Hectic week at work? Get a dose of calm at Tranquill Space's first-ever spring open house Thursday. Both yoga studios (1632 17th St. NW and 3528 Wilson Blvd., Arlington) will hold free classes all day, distribute goodies and offer discounts. In the evening, the Dupont Circle location's Lab space will host a series of short lectures. Founder Kimberly Wilson is slated to discuss meditation at 7 p.m. Get more details at Tranquillspace.com.

wellness fit



a Challenging Time) at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. "It often engages you with other people, and it often makes people feel much better. There's good evidence that exercise helps people with their moods."

It doesn't have to be a competitive sport. Dancing works, too.

Psychiatrist James Gordon, founder and director of the Center for Mind-Body Medicine, headquartered in D.C., and author of "Your

Guide to the Seven-Stage Journey Out of Depression," prescribes: "Put on hard-driving rhythmic music and shake your body. Shake for five minutes.

Dance to music that really moves you. As you change your body's stance by moving it, your emotions change along with it."

That's what helped Jaclyn Brown deal with her emotions when her mom was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer five years ago.

"I've loved to dance ever since I was an itty-bitty girl," says Brown, who promoted breast cancer awareness as 2011-12 Miss Black Louisiana Teen U.S. "Our garage has really smooth floors. I'd [put on] my music and dance my heart out. It was a good reliever of all the questions, stress, emotions I had built up inside of me. I let it out. Nobody could see me in my little zone."

And if it turns out that sports or exercise or dance helps teens cope with a serious medical situation in the family, then they've learned a lesson that will last for many years, experts say. When things get tough, they'll know how not to get beaten down by stress.

One more tip: Parents may give suggestions, but that doesn't mean they know best.

"Find a coping mechanism that works for you," Rauch advises. "Not one that works for Mom and Dad."

Physical Therapy

Exercise helps teens deal with a parent's cancer diagnosis

Adapted from the new book "My Parent Has Cancer and It Really Sucks" (\$15, Parenthascancer.com) by Express columnist Marc Silver and his daughter Maya Silver

Before soccer became a career for James Riley, a new addition to the D.C. United squad, the sport was his saving grace.

When he was a freshman player at Wake Forest University, Riley got a call from his mom.

"That was a shocking phone call," he recalls. "It was probably the last time I cried that hard, hearing those words — 'I have breast cancer' — come out of her mouth."

He considered dropping out of school to go home to Colorado

Springs, Colo. But he stayed, and he played.

"Soccer was a place where I could get away," he says. "Leave all your baggage outside the soccer field and step into the lines. You can have a break and be creative and enjoy the game and competing."

Riley's mom is in good health today. And her 30-year-old son reaches out to teens who are facing a parent's cancer. "Do things you love," he tells them.

And it turns out that he set a good example. Physical activity is a great way to deal with the stress, particularly for kids who aren't into talking about it or writing about it.

Tyler Reed, 17, of Glen Allen, Va.,

D.C. United defender James Riley, below, turned to soccer as a way to handle his emotions after his mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.



whose dad was diagnosed with cancer, found that football was — and still is — a release for any problem.

"I'm a quarterback. When I'm on the field, I don't think of anything else," Reed says. "Football is my time of peace and serenity, and it always has been — especially when my dad was sick."

"Being active is a great distraction," says child psychiatrist Paula Rauch, who directs the Marjorie E. Korff PACT Program (Parenting at

"Soccer was a place where I could get away. Leave all your baggage outside... You can have a break and be creative and enjoy the game and competing." — D.C. UNITED DEFENDER JAMES RILEY

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Cause of Breakouts May Also Be a Cure

In your fight for clear skin, you rinse, scrub and soak your face to get rid of acne-causing bacteria. So you might be surprised to learn that the key to flawless skin might be — yup — bacteria.

According to a new study published in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology, one particular strain of bacteria appears to be associated with clear skin.

To reach that conclusion, researchers used pore strips to lift bacteria from participants' noses and then analyzed the bacteria and looked for associations between bacterial types and skin clarity — which led

them to one particular bugger.

Now investigators are considering various means of boosting our levels of this acne-fighting bacteria. Unfortunately, it turns out that your current skin treatments probably kill that good bacteria along with the bad.

While experts still suggest cleansers with bacteria-killing salicylic acid, consider other ways to clear up your skin. A new review in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, for instance, found a connection between acne and diets high in dairy and high-glycemic-index foods.

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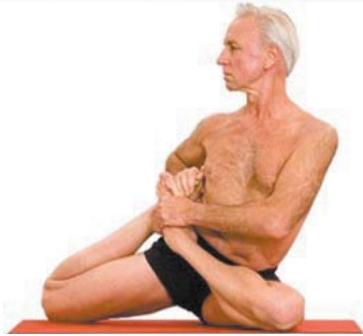
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Up the escalator is the beauty department, which welcomes customers with a replica of the "Apotheosis of Washington," the fresco in the Capitol rotunda. More impressive, however, may be the free skin-care analysis services available.

"And if you happen to have time on your hands, get your nails done," Stiller says. Manicures are \$12.

The store was designed to make sure you're never waiting around too long, thanks to registers at separate departments in addition to the main checkout area. Customers can also order online and then just swing by Web pickup.

Fill the Kit

The D.C. flagship is the first Walgreens to offer an interactive "build your own first-aid kit" display. Customers tap a screen to input details — who the kit is for, where it will be stored, etc. — to find out which products are recommended for their needs. V.H.

There are similar kiosks in the pharmacy to help speed up the process of getting customers their medications. That's just one of several steps Walgreens is taking to change the typical health-care experience.

Under-shelf lighting makes it easier to read packaging, Stiller notes. Not sure what to look for? "Answers" panels scattered around the aisles explain what probiotics are and offer quick medical tips.

For anyone who's still lost, Stiller recommends seeking out the health guide, which she describes as "almost like a concierge." In theory, that person directs customers with the help of an iPad, although no one was on duty on Saturday, two days after the store's grand opening.

But the pharmacist was as accessible as promised, standing in front of the counter to answer questions and offering to go into the consultation room with customers who prefer more confidentiality.

There's also the adjoining Take Care Clinic that can handle vaccines, physicals and other procedures (such as earwax removal).

But hopefully, all you'll need is the fruit. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

Gonna Need A Bigger Cart

Chinatown Walgreens is not just a pharmacy; it's a giant 'Experience'

Vitamins at pharmacies usually come in pill form. But at the new Walgreens "Well Experience" flagship store in Chinatown, customers can try the chewable kind — from a towering display of bananas, apples and assorted citrus.

"We always carry the stuff you crave," Walgreens' Beth Stiller says as she points to the candy aisle. "But we make sure we lead with great, fresh offerings."

The three-story building at 801 Seventh St. NW — the seventh flagship in the Walgreens chain, and the first in Washington — is attempting to be much more than a drugstore.

It's also a juice/smoothie bar with D.C.-centric menu items, including Water(melon)gate, a blend of watermelon, pineapple and lemon, and Im"peach"ment, a mix of banana, peach, mango and vanilla rice milk. These made-to-order drinks cost \$4 for a small and \$5 for a large.

That's also what you'll pay over at the frozen yogurt station, which features six flavors — all nonfat or low-fat. Grab a cup and customize your creation with unlimited toppings.

Or head over to the grab-and-go prepared foods section for salads, sushi and petite sandwiches. (There are also plenty of options for folks not worried about their calorie intake, so you may want to avert your eyes from the selection of baked goods from local favorites Buzz and Grassroots Gourmet.)

lookout



A Sign of Maturity

Prince Harry will visit the U.S. again, but he's skipping Las Vegas **35**

Sound Bets



JONATHAN MANNION

It's Complicated

Lil Wayne lives! For a while, we were worried. When the sizzurp-loving rapper was hospitalized two Fridays ago following seizures, fans — myself included — were on Twitter vigil.

As I followed the drama, my (male) DJ friend, who spins at the lesbian club



By Shauna Miller

Phase 1, asked with exasperation, "Why do you guys all love Lil Wayne?"

It's simple: When I go to clubs, I want a soundtrack that allows me to be someone other than the me who has many (many) discussions about feminism, misogyny and art. I want to hear things that get their sex appeal from a little shock.

Wayne's a character, and while he's certainly peacocking, he does it in a funnier, more spaced-out way than his peers. His rhymes are clever (with a few repugnant exceptions). Weezy (whose "I Am Not a Human Being II" drops today) raps about why, where and especially how the ladies love him — boasts that'd get him slapped if delivered out of the context of his flows.

Hip-hop didn't invent this. Ever actually listened to the Stones' "Under My Thumb"? Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love"? Elvis' "A Little Less Conversation"? Sexism is everywhere; sometimes it grinds up against sexy.

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Grown-Up Laughter

On his 'Buried Alive' tour, Aziz Ansari finds satisfaction from a deeper form of humor

Comedy

Aziz Ansari is a dozen years into his stand-up career and five years into his role as wannabe-entrepreneur Tom Haverford on NBC's "Parks and Recreation." Even though he just turned 30, he still has a kid-like vibe about him. He's small and spry, with the kind of face a grandma would squeeze. His voice has a cadence that simply makes everything sound funnier when he says it.

And he knows just how funny he is. "If I do the show and it tanks horribly, I can confidently say there's something really weird about that audience," he says.

But there are still things that scare Ansari. Like, really, really scare him. Which is where "Buried Alive," his current stand-up tour, came from: "The idea that people I know are getting married and having babies and how scared I would be to have a baby ... I'm not ready to get married, either."

Turns out he's not alone. "I just started talking about that, and it seemed to strike a chord with people," says Ansari, who comes to DAR Con-

What's Next

Modern Love

The show Aziz Ansari is preparing now, which will be his fourth stand-up special (after "Buried Alive"), has him doing even more research into modern relationships and adulthood. "It is weird to be in this time where you have so many choices because all the studies they do about choice show that when you have more choices, you're less satisfied," he says. He gets fired up talking about this stuff, even though he won't use any of it until he starts his next stand-up tour. (TWP)



"I just started talking about [marriage, dating and kids], and it seemed to strike a chord with people."

tuation Hall this weekend.

There are "two kinds of laughs," he says. "One is that funny 'ha-ha' laugh. But there's another kind of laugh [from] talking about these deeper things ... where someone will laugh and they'll also be like: 'Oh my God, thank you for saying that! I went through the same thing.'"

The reaction has inspired Ansari's most grown-up material yet.

"I've never really done a show like that, with three big themes," such as dating, marriage and kids, Ansari says. "My other shows were more haphazard jokes." Now, when he gets that second kind of laugh, "I feel more successful as a comedian."

Nick Offerman, who plays Ron Swanson on "Parks," says Ansari has long been wise beyond his years.

When they first met, "I found his dapper demeanor and his maturity to be rather irksome because he's so young," Offerman says. But "I almost immediately started asking Aziz for advice on everything."

And, he says: "I've watched him turn into an even classier grown-up."

JESSICA GOLDSTEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Resistance Is Futile: William Shatner turned 82 last week, so Hulu is giving everyone a gift on Captain Kirk's behalf: free "Star Trek" episodes. All of them. Until April 1, anyone can head to the online video service and stream every episode from each "Star Trek" series (from the original to "Enterprise") for free. That's nearly 700 episodes, which, by our math, would make it impossible to watch all of them before time runs out. (EXPRESS)

lookout entertainment

For Alt-J, the Sky Is the Limit

All the British rockers wanted to do was put out a CD; now, their popularity is soaring

Music

Twelve months ago, the guys in British rock band Alt-J had a very simple goal: to release an album.

"And at least feel that when we died, we could legitimately say we released an album on a label," says keyboardist Gus Unger-Hamilton. "And we could look at it and say, 'Look, we made an album once.'"

The band's 2012 debut, "An Awesome Wave," went on to win the prestigious Mercury Prize given to the top album of the year in the United Kingdom and Ireland in something of a shocker. The Cambridge quartet has since been a near-constant conversation piece on the blogosphere and on the midsize club circuit on both sides of the Atlantic.

The band will be on the road much of the year (with a return to 9:30 Club in September), taking advantage of the opportunities that have come since taking the prize.

Just making the Mercury's coveted 12-member shortlist is a kind of validation, says guitarist-bassist Gwil Sainsbury. Winning it took the tenuousness out of Alt-J's existence.

"For a long time we were play-



Mercury Prize-winning British band Alt-J is soaring to new heights this year.

ing the album and we didn't know if it was sounding like the album," Sainsbury says. "We weren't sure it was coming across. But people were pleased with it, and I think this Mercury Prize makes us feel like we're pretty much a certified real band now."

That status comes with both perks and drawbacks. The good is obvious: bigger gigs, unexpected record sales and the adoration of a growing fan base that digs the band's wobbly, pleasingly eccentric brand of pop music. Some in the United States wonder if Alt-J

might be the next big British import, following the path recently laid by Mumford & Sons and Ed Sheeran.

The bad? The haters. Lead singer Joe Newman's voice drives them nuts. And the Mercury? To them, Alt-J's win is just another sign the prize is losing its cachet.

"I think this Mercury Prize makes us feel like we're pretty much a certified real band now."

—GWIL SAINSBURY, GUITARIST-BASSIST FOR THE BAND ALT-J

Never fear, loyal fans. The guys (including drummer Thom Green, who rounds out the quartet) are acutely aware of where the sell-out line is drawn. They recently turned down a potato chips commercial for which they were asked to cover Johnny Cash.

"I like Johnny Cash," says Unger-Hamilton. "I wouldn't want to do that to Johnny Cash."

Selling out shows, it seems, is preferable to selling out creatively.

CHRIS TALBOTT (AP)

● 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sept. 18, 7 p.m., \$30; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U Street)



COLUMBIA RECORDS

The Lady And the Crooner

Music

They haven't hit the studio yet, but Tony Bennett says he "can't wait" to record his next album with Lady Gaga.

The 86-year-old crooner says he and the pop star will record "a big swing album."

"We have it all worked out already on paper," Bennett says.

He and Gaga collaborated on "The Lady Is a Tramp" for his Grammy-winning, platinum-selling 2011 "Duets II" album. He called the 26-year-old a "wonderful person and a great talent."

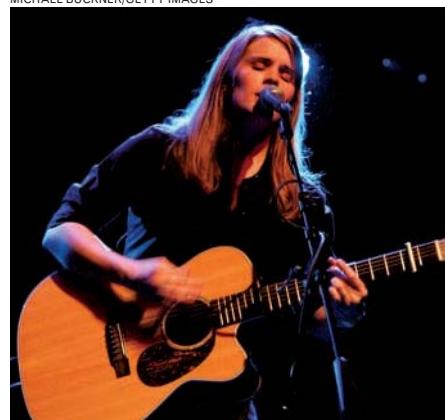
Bennett says he wants to work on a full album with Gaga because "she's quite different."

He adds that he's also impressed with Gaga as a business woman. MESFIN FEKADU (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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1 Folk Magic

The Revival Tour headed to Black Cat tonight features several musicians who rep Americana but none more interesting than Jenny Owen Youngs. The singer-songwriter's work is eclectic and charming — not your standard confessional-with-an-acoustic-guitar but occasionally profane numbers drawing from '80s pop music as much as from Joni Mitchell. **Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; today, 8 p.m., \$15-\$18; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com. (U Street)**

2 Fill Up on Fish and Hops

The menu for tonight's Farmers Fishers Bakers sushi and beer dinner confuses us. Brick oven pretzels? Not that we don't like brick oven pretzels, especially paired with Virginia craft beers, but it's a sushi dinner. Never fear, the sushi shows up in most of the next six courses, so you'll learn which local beers go with raw salmon. **Farmers Fishers Bakers, 3000 K St. NW; today, 7 p.m., \$44; Farmersfishersbakers.com.**

3 We Call Him 'Frosty'

The Library of Congress is trying to make you like poetry with a series of birthday celebrations for American poets. Today: Happy birthday, Robert Frost! Poets Dana Gioia and Eric Pankey will read Frost's work and hopefully explain how everyone misinterprets "The Road Not Taken," because they do. **Library of Congress, 10 1st St. SE; today, noon, free; 202-707-5394, Loc.gov. (Capitol South)**



TV tonight lookout

NBC's Repeat Episode

Questions to ponder as 'Tonight Show' drama unfolds again

Late-Night

You'd think NBC would have learned its lesson. Nope! "Late Night" host Jimmy Fallon is rumored to unseat Jay Leno as the new host of the "Tonight Show" in 2014. While the change isn't going to stop the world, the prospect of another round of talk-show turbulence raises a series of questions:

Why do we care?

Because it's funny! Name an NBC show with more laughs, intrigue, double-dealing and disgrace than when the network moved Jay Leno to prime time and handed Conan O'Brien "Tonight," then reversed its decision several months later.

What will it mean to have the "Tonight Show" back in New York?

Count on a more intense booking



NBC is pitting late-night hosts Jimmy Fallon and Jay Leno against each other.

war for CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman." It also may help ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," CBS' "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" and TBS' "Conan" book top-level guests. And it suggests NBC may have learned a lesson from uprooting O'Brien in 2009.

Why would NBC ditch Leno when he has the highest ratings?

Because Leno, 62, is nearing shuf-

fleboard status and has a contract expiring next year. Fallon is 38, also with a contract expiring. NBC doesn't want to lose him to a rival.

What about Letterman, who is 66?

Competing against Fallon and Kimmel, he'll either seem like a venerable elder statesman or just old. And if he takes his leave (his contract is running out, too), we get to start this all over again. FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

BEST BETS

**ANIMAL
8:00**

Polar Bears: Edge of Existence Wildlife filmmaker Gordon Buchanan gets up close and personal with a family of polar bears in the Arctic's Svalbard Islands in this special.

**BRAVO
10:00**

The Millionaire Matchmaker Patti tries to make a love match for former Matchbox Twenty guitarist Adam Gaynor. She also works with speed skater Allison Baver, who's tired of dating fellow athletes. Gaynor and Baver are pictured at right.

**ABC
10:00**

Body of Proof Kate falls for a fellow she meets at a political event, but when a Russian girl is found murdered near their hotel, she suspects her new lover might be involved.

**TBS
10:00**

Cougar Town Shirley Jones, left, guest stars as the female half of an elderly couple who agree to buy Grayson's old house on the condition that Jules and the gang spend time with them. They do, discovering in the process that being older has its advantages. Also, Bobby changes the name of his boat to change his luck. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Drama



That's One Form Of Interrogation

On "Justified" (10 p.m., FX), the Drew Thompson case becomes more complicated, and the only way Raylan (Timothy Olyphant, above) can straighten it out is by giving Boyd a beating in the hopes that he'll provide information leading to the woman who is inadvertently caught in the middle. (TM)



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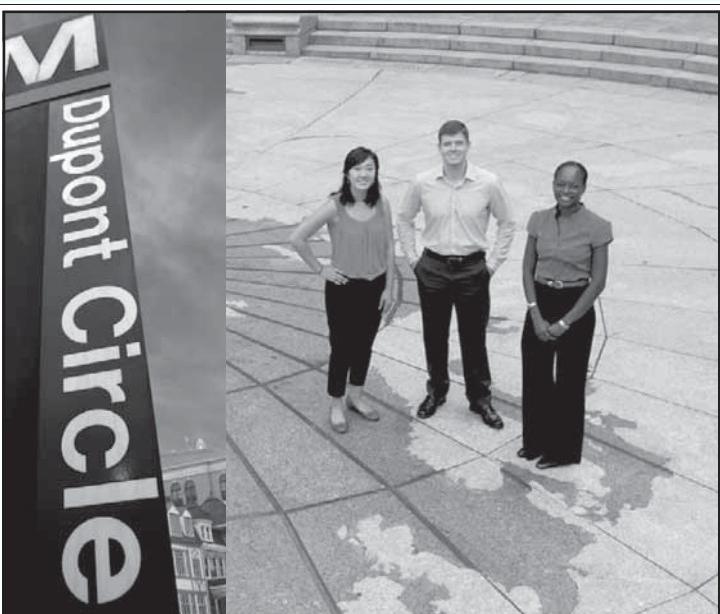
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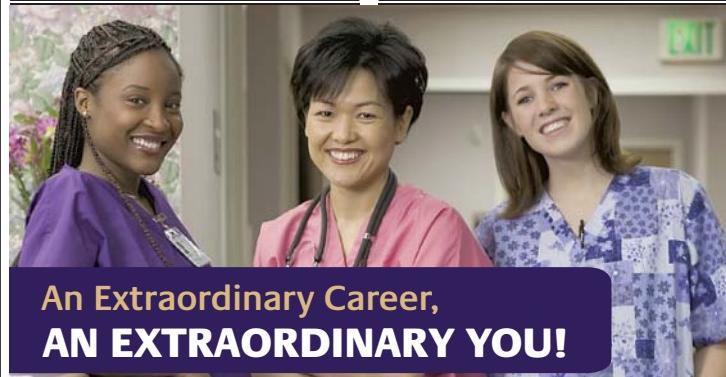
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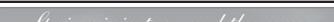
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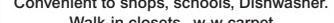
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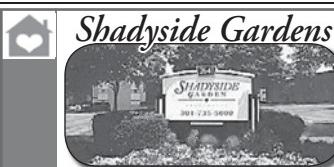
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—NG AT NGUNDERGROUND

.BLOGSPOT.COM appreciated the 1 to 3 inches of snowfall that hit the D.C. area overnight Sunday.

"Dear Internet, can we just lose the comments altogether? Let's just chalk them up as a failed experiment."

—@COLINMOSSA has an interesting idea on how to improve the quality of conversations online.

"We knew she had something up her sleeve when she showed up on the red carpet with her little bro, channeling 90's comedy classic 'Dumb & Dumber' in a powder blue suit, so we can't say we were shocked when her on stage look was a veritable kooky feast for the eyes."

—MAUD DEITCH AT STYLE.MTV.COM analyzes Ke\$ha's red-carpet and stage outfits at the 2013 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards held Saturday at the Galen Center in Los Angeles.

Blog Log



"Yes, folks, March 25th is International Waffle Day. Observing this holiday means eating waffles for breakfast or waffling about decisions or issues. Or reading books in which characters do these things."

—GEORGETTE SPELVIN AT READMEDEADLY.COM chose an interesting way to celebrate the holiday, which started as a tradition in Sweden.

"I take an unfollow as personally as if someone at a party left a large, loose circle where I was in casual conversation & joined another."

—@DREAMHAMPTON explains that she isn't too bothered when people jump ship from her feed on Twitter.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be told your attitude requires adjustment, but in fact you are responding reasonably to what comes your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Now is no time to give up prematurely; you may be going through a slump, but things should pick up very soon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have not thought about your image much, but today you'll have reason to present yourself in the best possible light.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll encounter a situation that raises the stakes considerably, and you know just how you must adjust your own strategy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Jump to conclusions today and you're sure to find yourself operating according to a few errors in thinking — and you cannot afford such errors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do you really want to keep guessing, when having the right answers is so important at this time? Facts and figures count.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Accuracy in planning and execution is all-important today; you cannot afford any errors or misapplication of resources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Much is likely to depend upon allocation of funds — and remember, you may not have quite as much to work with as you had anticipated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Unusual events will require a bit more attention as they are likely to affect you and yours rather significantly.

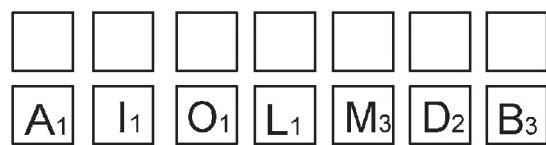
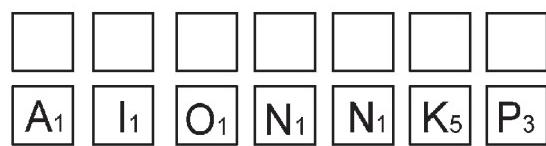
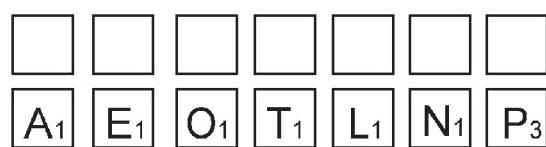
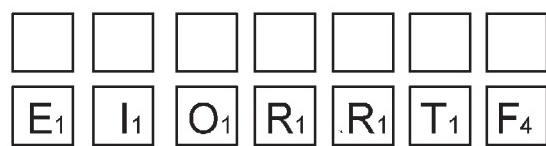
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll encounter some surprises today that seem to be separate from each other but which in fact are closely linked.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may want to get the opinion of someone who is recognized as an expert in a given field today and not merely offer your own just yet.

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P ₃	E ₁	L ₁	O ₁	T ₁	O ₁	N ₁
B ₃	U ₁	C ₃	K ₅	E ₁	Y ₄	E ₁
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RACK 3 = 59						
RACK 4 = 71						
TOTAL 272						

PAR SCORE 205-215

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4			6	2	9		
6		5	4	2	3		
		1	8	7	3		
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7	9	8	2				
1	2	9	4			6	
8	7	6		5			
2	8	5	7	1	9		

Yesterday's Solution

2	5	3	6	1	9	4	7	8
4	6	7	5	3	8	9	1	2
1	8	9	2	7	4	6	5	3
3	4	8	1	2	6	5	9	7
7	1	6	9	5	3	2	8	4
5	9	2	4	8	7	1	3	6
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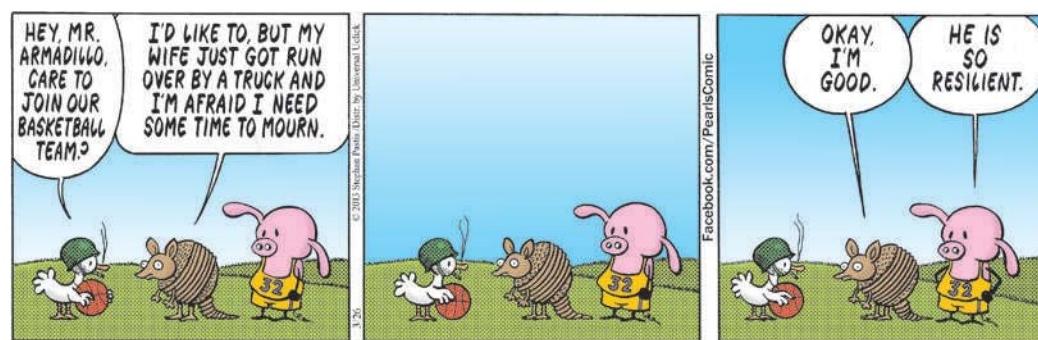
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Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast



47 | 33

Today: Breezy today with clouds and sun. Partly cloudy tonight.



49 | 35

Tomorrow: Chilly tomorrow with clouds and sun. A shower tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



53 | 36 | 55 | 37 | 55 | 37

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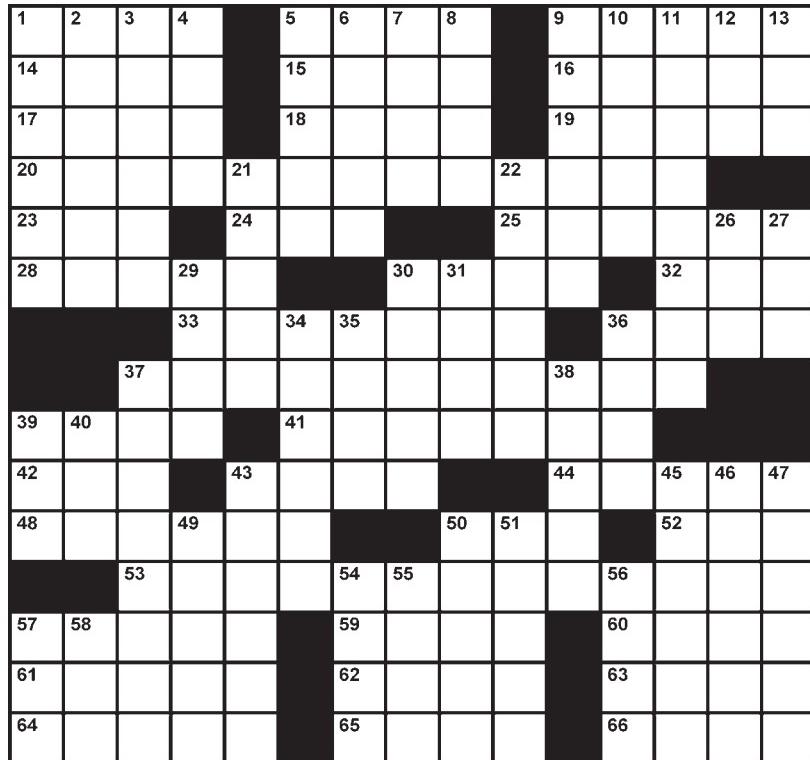
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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Touch
- 5 Commuter plane trips
- 9 Woman in a "Paint Your Wagon" song
- 14 Stand on hind legs
- 15 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 16 One of the noble gases
- 17 Shrek or Fiona, e.g.
- 18 Breakfast dining area
- 19 Recurrently
- 20 Bowed tree
- 23 Little guy
- 24 Shortest month, in a way
- 25 "Get it while ___!"
- 28 Nosy Parker
- 30 Book of apostolic deeds
- 32 Worldwide workers' assn.
- 33 Annual book of facts
- 36 Norwegian king
- 37 A pure disgrace
- 39 Narrative writing
- 41 Everyday procedure
- 42 Certain piano piece
- 43 Party servers
- 44 Grind together
- 48 Yank in the Yucatan
- 50 Need a doctor's care
- 52 "What am ___ think?"
- 53 What mourners shed
- 57 Muscleman's quality
- 59 Zatopek of Olympic fame
- 60 Runaway GI
- 61 Designated PG-13, say
- 62 Covert transmitting device
- 63 Oscar winner for "Leaving Las Vegas"
- 64 Musical melodrama
- 65 Proofreader's notation
- 66 Ogled



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- 7 Farm tool
- 8 Pseudonym of H.H. Munro
- 9 Sings hallelujah to
- 10 Building blocks
- 11 Before long
- 12 "... or ___ thought"
- 13 ___ Arbor, Mich.
- 21 Express indirectly
- 22 Brittle-shelled Chinese fruit (Var.)
- 26 Ending for "Motor" or "pay"
- 27 "Mazel ___!" ("Congratulations!")
- 29 Rowboat necessity
- 30 "Black" cattle breed
- 31 Play mates?
- 34 "Snow White" judge,
- 35 "Author unknown" byline
- 36 Prophetic sign
- 37 Give a great deal of thought to
- 38 ___-Saxon
- 39 Unit of work
- 40 Average score on the links
- 43 Lake George locale
- 45 Ventilation shaft
- 46 Curly or Larry
- 47 Laughed out loud and then some
- 49 Comparatively fresh
- 50 Lit
- 51 Cay
- 54 Bastes or hem

- 55 Fail to mention
- 56 Track contest
- 57 Sis' male sibling
- 58 Blame

Yesterday's Solution



TODAY IN HISTORY

1917 The Seattle Metropolitans defeat the Montreal Canadian and become the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup.

1982 A groundbreaking takes place in Washington for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

1997 Thirty-nine members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide are found inside a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

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OR 'OFFICE SPICE' Her Replacement Will Be Called 'Tinker Tailor Soldier Spice'

The Spice Girls reunited for the London Olympics closing ceremony and are looking toward a more extensive reunion — but the Daily Mail reports that Victoria Beckham, aka Posh Spice, will not be a part of it. "Her singing days are over," said a spokesperson for Beckham. The band may seek a new member via a reality TV show. (EXPRESS)

HYGIENE

The Real Question: Just How Big Is Their Shower?

Tori Spelling tweeted Saturday that she, her husband and their four children all took a shower together. "@Deanracer & I just had our 1st family shower w/all 4 babes. Went really well & saved on individual bath time! & only 1 babe pooped N shower," she wrote. Spelling's four children range in age from 7 months to 6 years old. (EXPRESS)



Tori and Dean plan to save on individual bath time by just hosing their kids down.

Dirtbag Digest



Maybe the Club Was Named Rehab

Lindsay Lohan was spotted partying in San Diego on Friday, less than a week after she was sentenced to 90 days in rehab. Us Weekly reports that Lohan was drinking vodka and that she went clubbing the following night as well. Amid reports that she also went out the night she was sentenced, she tweeted: "Guys relax, that was not me." (EXPRESS)



"So I throw this through the hoop? When do we start taking our clothes off?"

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WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS LIVES ON THE INTERNET FOREVER

Lesson Learned

Officials say Britain's Prince Harry is returning to the United States — but this time he's skipping Las Vegas. St. James's Palace said Monday that the 28-year-old prince will travel to the East Coast and Colorado and visit Arlington National Cemetery and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Harry, who is third in line to the throne, made headlines on another U.S. visit when he was caught frolicking in the nude after what was alleged to have been a game of strip billiards in his Las Vegas hotel room. (AP)

CLICHES

'Crash and Burn' Jokes Seem Inappropriate in Light of Her Profession

Jesse James and his girlfriend, drag racer Alexis DeJoria, got married Sunday in Malibu. People magazine reported that James' daughter, 9, and DeJoria's daughter, 10, were flower girls. This is James' fourth marriage. He divorced Sandra Bullock in 2010 after a cheating scandal and broke off his engagement to Kat Von D in 2011. (EXPRESS)

"I think it would be really cute cause Kanye and I are both Ks, but half the names on our list aren't Ks."

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